

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A sign unit which is adapted to be supported with at least a portion exposed to incident light, comprising a sheet-like device with a front exhibiting information of the sign unit and with a back opposite to the front, and at least one light-emitting member which is arranged on the sheet-like device, wherein the at least one light-emitting member has a front end which is positioned at or in front of the front of the sheet-like device and a rear opposite end, that the at least one light-emitting member is made of a fluorescent plastic material and has a thickness which is considerably smaller than its length between the front and rear ends, the at least one light-emitting member being adapted to absorb, between the ends, incident light and conduct this to the front end for emission at the front of the sign unit, wherein ~~the portion~~ a portion, projecting from the sheet-like device, of the at least one light-emitting member is enclosed in a casing which is fixed to the device and which is made of a transparent material, and the casing is coated with a diffusion layer for spreading and leveling the incident light over an entire light-absorbing surface of the at least one light-emitting member.

2. (Previously Presented) A sign unit as claimed in claim 1, wherein the sheet-like device has at least one through slot, that the at least one light-emitting member is arranged

in the slot, and that the at least one light-emitting member is included in the information of the sign unit.

3. (Previously Presented) A sign unit as claimed in claim 2, wherein the at least one light-emitting member is inserted into the slot in the sheet-like device in such manner that the front end of the at least one light-emitting member is positioned at the front of the sheet-like device and the rear opposite end of the at least one light-emitting member is positioned at a considerable distance behind the back of the device.

4. (Previously Presented) A sign unit as claimed in claim 1, wherein the at least one light-emitting member is a sheet-like element which is one of straight and curved in cross-section.

5. (Previously Presented) A sign unit as claimed in claim 1, wherein the at least one light-emitting member is tubular.

6. (Previously Presented) A sign unit as claimed in claim 1, wherein the at least one light-emitting member comprises a plurality of rod-shaped or bar-shaped elements which are arranged side by side.

7. (Previously Presented) A sign unit as claimed in claim 1, wherein the at least one light-emitting member comprises a number of elements in the shape of one of a sheet, a tube and a rod.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Previously Presented) A sign unit as claimed in claim 1, wherein edge sides of the at least one light-emitting member which are not intended to emit light prevent emissions.

10. (Currently Amended) ~~A sign unit as claimed in claim 8~~ A sign unit which is adapted to be supported with at least a portion exposed to incident light, comprising a sheet-like device with a front exhibiting information of the sign unit and with a back opposite to the front, and at least one light-emitting member which is arranged on the sheet-like device, wherein the at least one light-emitting member has a front end which is positioned at or in front of the front of the sheet-like device and a rear opposite end, that the at least one light-emitting member is made of a fluorescent plastic material and has a thickness which is considerably smaller than its length between the front and rear ends, the at least one light-emitting member being adapted to absorb, between the ends, incident light and conduct this to the front end for emission at the front of the sign unit, wherein the length between the ends of the at least one light-emitting member increases from an upper portion of the at least one light-emitting member in a mounted state of the sign unit towards

a lower portion of the at least one light-emitting member, wherein ~~the portion~~ a portion, projecting from the sheet-like device, of the at least one light-emitting member is enclosed in a casing which is fixed to the device and which is made of a transparent material.

11. (Previously Presented) A sign unit as claimed in claim 10, wherein the casing is coated with a diffusion layer for spreading and leveling the incident light over an entire light-absorbing surface of the at least one light-emitting member.

12. (Currently Amended) A sign unit as claimed in claim 1, wherein the at least one light-emitting member comprises an inner portion and, surrounding the ~~same~~ inner portion, an outer portion, and that a light-guiding element with a small degree of attenuation of light is arranged adjacent to and along the outer portion and inside the ~~same~~ outer portion, that a first reflective device is arranged at the rear end of the outer portion in order to reflect light from the outer portion into one end of the light-guiding element, and that a second reflective device is arranged at the other opposite end of the light-guiding element to reflect light from the light-guiding element into the ~~other~~ inner portion.

13. (Currently Amended) A sign unit as claimed in claim 1, wherein the at least one light-emitting member comprises an inner member and, surrounding the ~~same~~ inner member, at least one outer ~~members~~ member, and that the inner member projects from the rear end of the at least one surrounding ~~member/members~~ member.

14. (Previously Presented) A sign unit as claimed in claim 13, wherein the front end of the inner member is arranged at a distance behind the back of the sheet-like device, and that a light-guiding element with a small degree of attenuation of light is arranged between the front end and the sheet-like device.

15. Canceled.

16. (Previously Presented) A sign unit as claimed in claim 2, wherein the at least one light-emitting member is a sheet-like element which is one of straight and curved in cross-section.

17. (Previously Presented) A sign unit as claimed in claim 2, wherein the at least one light-emitting member is tubular.

18. (Previously Presented) A sign unit as claimed in claim 3, wherein the at least one light-emitting member is tubular.

19. (Previously Presented) A sign unit as claimed in claim 2, wherein the at least one light-emitting member comprises a plurality of rod-shaped or bar-shaped elements which are arranged side by side.

20. (Previously Presented) A sign unit as claimed in claim 3, wherein the at least one light-emitting member comprises a plurality of rod-shaped or bar-shaped elements which are arranged side by side.